

As an active, registered voter of Connecticut I strongly urge the Commerce Committee to vote NO on bringing this egregious, backward and in-humane expansion of "agriculture" to our state.

In an age when increasingly looking to more "green" and ecologically sound approaches to agriculture, establishing and expanding brutal and barbaric butchering facilities in Connecticut is unconscionable! Can we find no better uses for our land and water?

I am appalled at the continual expansion of low-paying "dead space" warehouses, parking lots, trucking hubs, and now, butchery facilities all in the name of "bringing business" to our state. Dead end jobs to replace those that were once defined by finance, machinery and engineering. Or is it to further line the pockets of someone already in business here? In which case, this is then an act that will only benefit a very few to the detriment of us all which is even MORE egregious.

These are all acts of desperation, not enlightened leadership or future development.

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